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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 February 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1- 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Young (USPN 6,561,640) in view of Mitani (USPN 5,666,140).

With respect to claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10-12 and 15-18, Young discloses an ink jet printer comprising:

- A recording head for ejecting ink (Fig.2: element 120), which is to be cured by being irradiated with an UV ray, to the recording medium
- A plurality of UV radiation device (Fig.2: element 140, 150) having a plurality of UV ray sources for irradiating the ink jetted by the recording head after arriving of the ink at the recording medium to cure the ink
- Each of UV source is diode (Column 9: line 6-10)
- Wherein the UV radiating devices are arranged on a downstream side of the recording head in feeding direction, wherein a quantity/intensity/wavelength of the UV device which is arranged on the

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most downstream side in the feeding direction of the recording medium is set to be larger than the other UV device (Column 4: line 50-60 discloses selecting the wavelength, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to select the wavelength of the UV device which is arranged on the most downstream side in the feeding direction is larger than other UV for the purpose of control the effectiveness if the exposure in response).

Furthermore, Young discloses the claimed invention except for the wavelength of the UV device, which is arranged on the most downstream side in the feeding direction is larger than other UV. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have, since it has been held that where the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, discovering the optimum ranges involves only routine skill in the art.

With respect to claims 2, 16 and 9, while Young discloses that UV subsystem can also includes one or more light source, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make one UV device with more UV source, since it has been held that more duplication of essential working parts of a device involves only routine skill in the art.

With respect to claims 6, 19 and 12, since Young discloses each of UV sources is obtained by combining of two of diode and any known or later developed device (Column 7: line 10-22). The general teaching of UV sources can include any combination of light source.

With respect to claims 7, 20 and 14, Young discloses polymerizes ink (Column 3: line 61-63).

However, Young fails to teach the line printing type.

Mitani teaches the line printing type (Column 12: line 11-18).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to using a line printing type as taught by Mitani. The motivation of doing so is to print faster and without a complicated drive being required for synchronizing the main scanning operation with auxiliary scanning operation.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 2/2/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Young does not disclose the claimed techniques in which the quantity or intensity or wavelength of ultraviolet rays emitted from the UV ray device arranged on the most downstream set to be larger or higher or longer. This argument is not deemed to be persuasive because referring to column 4; line 50-60 discloses selecting the wavelength, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to select the wavelength of the UV device which is arranged on the most downstream side in the feeding direction is larger than other UV for the purpose of control the effectiveness of the exposure in response.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ly T. TRAN whose telephone number is 571-272-2155. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30am-5pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Meier can be reached on 571-272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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